

# Men Make Houses; Women Make Homes

## The State College for Women

What It Will Represent in Education and Opportunity That Have Hitherto Been Lacking.

A bill introduced in the General Assembly of Virginia by Senator Aubrey Strode, of Annandale, with a view toward establishing a State college for women as an annex to the University of Virginia, is a matter of interest here and all over the State.

Heretofore women, desiring special opportunities to fit them for special work, have gone to the Chicago University, to Columbia College, New York, to the Harvard annex, or to other educational centers of equal grade. When the State of Virginia provides for its women advantages commensurate to those which it has always bestowed upon its men, the former will not have to go outside of State limits in search of what they should be able to get at home.

It is rather a difficult matter to get at the point of view that would justify different advantages in education as between men and women, especially in Virginia, where, if anywhere in the world, and more than anywhere else, men have been considered, and justly so, most generous and chivalrous to the weaker sex. That women are capable of appreciating and benefiting by everything and anything they can get educationally, which is calculated to increase their independence and usefulness, has been so clearly proven already that the point is beyond discussion. But that women refuse longer to be fed with the scraps of knowledge falling from a table where men are feasted to repletion, is also equally obvious.

It has been said often, but women have failed to realize it, that whenever a cause is taken up by united womanhood in Virginia it is won. If Virginia women give their united support and effort to the projected State college its projection will speedily grow into materialization.

The fact that broad-minded and intelligent men are at the head of the movement favoring the opening of the State University in a certain sense to women should recommend it to that class of the feminine sex who can see nothing good in a purely womanly cause, suspecting the hubbub of equal rights behind it.

The University of Virginia has always stood for education of the right sort from the day of its founding by Thomas Jefferson. Its standards have been everywhere recognized as high. Its students and graduates fill positions of importance and trust throughout the United States.

Now, if there is one thing that women need more than another, it is the sort of education which the University of this State confers, the education which produces independent workers and thinkers, trained to habits of industry, to the survival of the fittest in scholarship, accustomed to an impartial justice which knows no regard to the sex of the worker, cured thus and forever of the harmful expectation which starts them in a profession or business career hugging the idea that all sorts of favors are to be granted them because they are women and not men.

"That State," says Livy, "is in freedom which stands in its own strength, and does not depend on foreign help." Livy might have had the State of Virginia and the present movement in mind when he wrote his maxim. For the women of the Old Dominion should feel and know that their Mother State is both free and strong enough to exempt them from the necessity of being brought up educationally under foreign influences, and in any other State institution rather than that which they know and delight in as their own.

T. R. A.

LIFE IS A LITTLE WHILE AND LOVE IS LONG.

Into every woman's mind must come often the question: Does a woman ever marry her first love? How does she ever make quite sure which one of her lovers is the permanent and the great affection? How can she be able to distinguish between a love destined to become a lasting one and her existing love, which may be only a passing fancy, born of the imagination, an affair of yesterday while it is still an affair of today?

Love is a disease with varying symptoms in varying individuals, and its outward manifestations were always the same diagnoses might be in all instances infallibly correct, and the man suing for the hand of his lady might be certain beforehand as to the nature of the answer that is to be given him.

Some of the most dangerous maladies are the most insidious. Their hold is established often before their presence is admitted. So is love with some women. Its growth in their hearts is imperceptible, and the most fortuitous circumstances and the most fortifying influence is the fact revealed.

On the other hand, some women manifest violent symptoms, as well-defined as those attendant upon a well-defined case of influenza or grip. In such cases the attack may speedily expend its force and leave behind it no mark of its coming and going, for first love, especially, may often reach a climax and become non-existent in a twinkling of time it takes for a feverish cold to develop and be cured.

Perhaps at the beginning of the attack one may be misled as to its nature and seriousness. It may, indeed, at first alarming, even look back on the attack with a sense of amusement over its real triviality.

For women learn that deep-rooted affection is a thing of slow, steady growth. The don't-give-it-up-as-will-deriving the case of a passing fancy, but it is not adapted to withstand the test of time, and withers under the glow of the everyday sunshine of life.

But, after all, any one quite understands the psychology of love for "life is a little while, and love is long."

FASHION HINTS FOR WOMEN.

Short skirts remain fixed and permanent for summer wear, which means a decided economy of dress, as well as the ease of dressing versus launess the ease of short skirts—the ease and comfort in them, and perhaps as important if not more so—the pretty hose and lovely shoes that not only add so much to the ensemble of every day costume, but remain in favor for dressing the feet, but if white is

to be worn it is no longer white duck, which is out of the running for another season. White kid shoes, simply made, look extremely well on a pretty foot. Those having large feet, without doubt, will do well to abandon all attempts at wearing white shoes of any kind.

### The New Straw Hats.

Some of the new straw hats are dyed so that there is little difficulty to match them with the latest fashions for summer. For dress occasions, the brim and lining of the large straw hats are of black velvet, while the crowns are of the regular tint of what are called "white straws," and usually are a very pale yellow. Alpacas, both of white and black, figure largely in their trimmings.

### Linen Accessories.

All the pretty white linen accessories of wrist bag, card case, parasol, letter case, bedroom heelless slippers or "mules"—embroidered on the toes, or covered with Irish lace, await the purchasers of dainty Florida outfits. There are besides a complete line of white linen furnishings for the dresser in one's room at home.

### Gauze and Lace Scarfs.

A well chosen assortment of wide gauze, mousseline and lace scarfs cannot be dispensed with, while Turkish and Algerian metal wrought varieties have not yet lost their charm by moonlight. Liberty satin scarfs trimmed with marabout and extra width will be found to be the most becoming wrap for late drives and evening wear under the light of the Southern Cross.

### Latest Jeweler's Inspiration.

Do you own the newest as well as the loveliest of jeweled chains and the very latest jeweler's inspiration to adorn the neck and corsage? This enviable chain cannot be purchased. It must be made to order. It consists of four vertical rows of jewels. Three of the rows are of diamonds, the first two rows running close together, all the stones being of the same weight and brilliancy. Next there runs, set as close, a row of smaller rubies of exquisite color. The fourth row is of diamonds matching the first two. This chain lies flat like a ribbon and is joined to a diamond disc almost two inches in diameter, ablaze with diamonds of a larger size. This superb disc is supposed to fasten to the middle of the corsage as a brooch.

### Culture Ornaments.

No one need fail to find the choicest gold culture ornaments, if they are Greek, binged or single, unornamented or jeweled, are overwrought in high relief in gold. High relief gold embossed head bands, fastened and velvet, satin, chiffon or satin, beaver, and from a small hard muff of two seasons ago a huge soft shape can be evolved.

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GOOD STYLE IN THE TAILORED BLOUSE.

Vogue.

## Relation of Women Toward the Problem of Food Prices

What They Are Doing to Help in the Present Crusade Against the Meat Trust.

A man from New York who had known nothing of the suffering endured in Virginia during the war period, or the hard conditions of living which followed immediately upon its close, came to visit in the home of Virginia Westover, a home which he had not seen since the days of his boyhood, but which he recalled as fulfilling his highest ideals of hospitality and plenty. His dismay over un-derstand of changes reached a climax when he took his modest, unassuming, but as polished as ever. But instead of the vlands that had formerly tempted the palate there was the simplest meal of corn pone and butter-milk, eked out by a dish of baked apples.

"But the curious part of the whole affair," said the man afterward in discussing it, "was that the family whom I was visiting appeared totally unconscious of the conditions which appalled me. The buttermilk might have been needed and the corn pone the finest wheaten loaf, for they gave no sign of acknowledgment of the difference between their past and present. And after a while their pleasant converse, their unaffected pleasure at seeing me again, begged me, I found myself laughing, talking and eating with zest, enjoying my simple supper as I had not done, in so far as a meal was concerned, for months. And—would you believe it?—he continued with a laugh, 'I spent an entire winter in the old Virginia home, one of the happiest summers of my life, and I learned how easy the task might be when the will came into play of living on the essentials rather than the luxuries of existence, of putting pleasure and comradeship and unaffected simplicity and refinement far ahead of any of the material requirements.'"

The philosophy which the Virginia housewives practiced so successfully in '65 and during a score of difficult years throughout the State, and now brought into play by their granddaughters, for never was there a time when an object lesson in high thinking and plain living was more needed by the American people at large.

It has been said with truth that no people can live better or more hospitably on limited means than the people of this State. That the credit for such an assertion is due primarily to women is an understatement. For the present national crisis a resolute and successful crusade against the trusts causing such widespread trouble and suffering will do more than anything else to restore a proper relation between labor and capital is apparent beyond a doubt.

The ingenuity of the housewife and householder, who takes a proper pride in all departments of her domestic economy, and likes to see her table furnished with wholesome and nourishing dishes, will be heavily taxed. For she will be called on to find substitutes for the succulent roasts and the juicy steaks that are always so acceptable, and so universally a part of the daily menu in most well-regulated houses. Fortunately, as has been stated, Virginia women have learned the value of enforced plain living through the necessity of a previous day.

They make their sacrifices, big or small, with smiling cheerfulness. They are in the habit of acting and not talking about what they do, or how it is done. They are keeping abreast of the national situation and, when the time and the hour sounds for them, they will be as ready and as resolute as when they dispensed buttermilk and corn pone in post-bellum days, and did it with the superb air of the grande dames of the Faubourg Saint Germain.

VIRGINIA WESTOVER.

### NEW SPRING STYLES

#### IN MILLINERY

The new spring styles in ribbons show a great many striped effects as the latest novelty. The stripes being either two or three-toned, admit of a great many smart new blends, and they are either in satin weave over a faille "fond," or vice versa. Six-inch and wider widths are the most frequently used; they are employed for crown torques as well as trimming bows or other arrangements, mostly on outing or street hats.

#### Maillie Bows.

Maillie bows, the larger the better, are very strongly featured, and occupy a prominent place among the new spring models; black ones as well as those in white and colors. They are often accompanied by other trimmings, such as a touffe or wreath of flowers, a plume or a lace rosette, except when they are very large, in which case they serve as sole garniture.

"Vert conceal" (cucumber green) is a French novelty, which will probably have a very great following this season. It is a cross between spinach and watermelon, having the rich depth of the former, and the soft, clear, slightly yellowish undertone of the latter, and it is handsome in every sort of material, blending well with most colors.

The latest novelty in veiling is called voile mystique (a fine-meshed lace fond, with oddly shaped branches and flowers in solid effect covering it at random). These veils, when drawn over the face, impart a very elusive expression to the features (hence the name), partly concealing, partly revealing them, but always making the complexion appear very fresh and delicate.

#### Flowers Used.

Snowballs and lilacs, the first flowers growing on shrubs in springtime, are lavishly employed on the millinery designed for the prime of the year, and used either singly or combined. The narcissus, crocus and acacias are equally well liked, and so are pansies in all their many lovely shades. Artificial flowers are worn now in seasons corresponding to those of nature.

#### Primroses and Cowslips.

Little cluster bouquets or tied up in small wreaths, are shown; their stems are slipped through a little jeweled buckle slide or encased in a sheath of ribbon or lace. The effect is decidedly Reocce and very dainty indeed.

#### Thoroughness.

The tendency of Americans to branch out so much for gain has caused neglect in the home training. Of course the desire for gain is prompted by a home love. It is all for the improvement of the home and its loved ones, but it is speculative, and when the improvement comes, if it really does, the "home" is gone, "broken up,"

birdlings down, empty nest. Disappointment arises not only from this fact, but somehow the girls did not do well. O mothers, take warning! Make the most of the modest little home you have now and neglect not the training of your daughters at any cost.

There is the training of morals, manners, housekeeping, personal care, principles toward each other and many other things. These things can be thoroughly taught in the humblest cottage. If you have but little you can be more thorough than if you were burdened with more. Consider thoroughness in character the keynote to success. The American girl is so alert, practical and energetic that if she is properly trained to wash dishes (so often she isn't) or bake biscuits, she can just as readily take up the weightier matters of the way she washes dishes is just the way she does her other work.

Handicaps Girls. It is the lack of thoroughness that handicaps the girl in housekeeping, business or college. Training in a child comes by precept, example and the demands of its surroundings. If the mother is thorough in her work she sets a good example. If she demands thoroughness of her daughter she places good surroundings about her and if the mother's precepts are good they are indeed like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Parents should seek to obtain a thorough knowledge of precepts and tactics on training of children, should thoroughly know each child and its moral needs, the cause of each defect and its cure. There is needed much greater weight of responsibility on parents for the general training of each child. Parents should thoroughly study their duties, demand thoroughness of each child. In this atmosphere the girl's habits will crystallize into a thorough character and she will grow into a thorough woman, capable of adapting herself to any position in the land.—F. G. Porter.

## Fashion Sparklets

Vanity cases in the form of lockets are deplored from the usual type. They are the daintiest ornaments imaginable with their enameled and jeweled decorations. Powder-puff and mirror are mysteriously inclosed. Truly such toys are useful. Chate-laine vanity cases come in various shapes and styles. Regulation ones are very comprehensive. They frequently include puff-box and puff, pin-tray, mirror, coin compartment, memorandum tablet, and pencil. They call to mind the fitted bag. Delicate traceries of enamel make dainty decorations. Some are set with gems, while others have monograms engraved on plain covers.

#### A Trimming Hint.

A charming finish for a dress in two colors, especially a plaid, may be obtained by cutting out squares or long strips of the material and filling in the space with lace stitches in heavy silk in color to match one of the colors in the material. An ordinary cobweb stitch is very effective and quickly done. White silk may be put under the neck or silk of contrasting color,

## Pro-and Anti-Suffragists and What Each Has to Say

Inherent and Community Rights of One; The Woman in the Home of Other.

The right of suffrage in its relation to the lives and interests of women is such a new subject of consideration, comparatively, that Richmond and Virginia women have, many of them, not yet advanced beyond arriving at the question and draw their conclusions from what can be said for and against a woman movement that has become so universal as to include in its membership not only the representatives of the working and professional classes, but those of the highest rank as to wealth and social position, both in America and other countries.

A woman who is a pro-suffragist will say that the right for which she is striving is an inherent right; that women as well as men are naturally entitled to "life, liberty and protection." She is subject to the law of freedom, she asks, when she is deprived of the right of citizenship and required to pay property tax without representation?

The pro-suffragist believes that mothers and wives can best prove real helpmates to their husbands and keep the atmosphere of home sane and wholesome most effectively when they have equal recognition by their State and under its laws. They can demand, from her point of view, truer respect from their children, if these children know that both mother and father have the same rights. The wives' influence upon their husbands and their claims upon their husbands' respect, consideration and affection would be immeasurably heightened. Into a home where husband and wife are on an equal footing, declares the advocate of suffrage, there will instinctively be a greater tendency toward mutual concession, a sense of freedom in thought and its expression, an absence of the warring and jarring that leads not to the "rift within the lute," and toward to the winning that renders the "music mute."

The pro-suffragist looks upon the home as being a miniature community and its interests as being closely related to and interwoven with community interests. This being so, she declares that as a woman should have equal rights in the community of home, so should she have equal rights in the greater outside community, which is merely composed of an aggregation of home interests and voices the question of their proper administration and responsibility.

### The Anti-Side.

The anti-suffragist starts out with putting her foot down and saying that the woman who fulfills her ideal is the woman in the home. This statement means that woman's sphere begins and ends in the home, that has been and now is; that a woman should have no desires or ambitions outside of the home or disconnected with it; that her individuality should be merged in what her home stands for, and that, as an entity, she should not exist at all.

It is the distinct and emphatic opinion of the anti-suffragist that the woman whose center is home could gain by the exercise of her ballot. In short, she is the advocate for the self-effacement of the feminine sex and its withdrawal, as far as possible, from the scene of the world's activities and opportunities.

First of all and above all, she has faith in woman as a mother. She considers that woman, in rearing her children and training them for womanhood or manhood, fulfills her highest duty, and in so doing she should be exemptly and in no manner of her full happiness and content.

E. T. B.

WOMANLY WOMEN ARE RESTFUL AND COMFORTABLE

The types of womanly women who by their mere personality inspire all who come in contact with them with a sense of restfulness and comfort, are not often met with nowadays.

Both men and women are fond of such types, and, in their friendship, counsel and sympathy, the sight of such and the cordial handshake they give, soothes and heartens in a wonderful way.

There are many other women who elbow their way through life by busi-ness shoulders with both sexes, but they are merely tolerated and speedily forgotten when they are no longer in sight. The womanly types are not the kind to be forgotten or overlooked, and are usually the centre of a group made up of both men and women who are devoted to them.

Women like these are nearly always capable. They must be to inspire confidence in others. They have a firm grasp on life and a wholesome, broad outlook upon it. They generally have a practical knowledge, through experience, of the world at large, rather than a small corner of it.

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for it, the blouse being made plain with deep cuffs and a wide flat collar of lace. A charming white serge suit has just been turned out for a woman going South. The skirt is tight-fitting, without trimming, and has a belt of the material. The waist is a conventional semi-fit, but out of the ordinary in its braid ornamentation. Straight bands of braid are put around the edge of cuffs and collars which are inset with white bengaline silk. Under the revers, slanting down toward bust and waist line are three double rows of braid folded over in a point where they terminate. As much again is left to fall back loose, also in point, from under the revers. The cuff has one of these points of braid hanging on the outside.

### Medal-Shaped Pendants.

New pendants in what is known as the medal shape are the favorite trinket of smart women at the moment. As a rule they are in pearls and diamonds, sometimes diamonds with a cabochon sapphire or an emerald as a centre. The delicate openwork designs are lovely. For daytime wear they hang on black ribbon, or smarter still on a black silk cord. In the evening they are attached to laced chain or small pearls with diamond clasps. Natural color straw hats of fine weave are lovely with a great bow of white tulle or fine net. The bow must be well wired to keep it in place.

In Milady's Ear

Satisfactory Substitute. A very satisfactory substitute for the asprey is a brush of gold wire nearly as fine as thread.

A gold ornament holds the wire thread in the base. This resembles an Old-World bouquet holder in its cornucopia form.

The upstanding brush is used to give a military dash to fur bouques, and is invading the realm of millinery with great success.

A Collar Protector. By way of a collar protector there is a soft fold of silk worn within the neck of the coat, and never more necessary than to-day. The cloth coat cannot be allowed to rub against the delicate lace and net of the modern yoke; no more is it advisable to allow the harsh gilt thread of the metallic laces to wear away the broadcloth of the collar.

A bias of silk is folded together and splitstitched; its ends are drawn to a point and finished with ball or tassels. This is basted along the inside of the coat collar as far as the throat seam so that it may be always in place at the back, and may be crossed in front at the discretion of the wearer.

Its ends hang to the waist line, and when the coat is opened fall gracefully, contributing to a decorative scheme if the color be chosen with the costume in view. Some of the French brocades may be thus utilized.

Known by Their Gloves. In the afternoon, the fashionable woman is inclining toward a delicate pearl shade or pale apricot and tan colorings.

She is choosing for motor wear the "chevrete" or elbow length, with a strap at the wrist to pull the leather gloves up. This is generally lined with fur or wool.

Women find it hard to approve of the sharp dividing line between long sleeves and short gloves, and are wearing with afternoon toilettes long shapes, which pass in wrinkled fullness over the cuffs.

Gloves of two-button length are worn with coat suits. The buttons are very large and are made of mother-of-pearl.

For driving mocha gloves in pale colorings, which, strange to say, wear off better than the dark ones, are popular.

Of course, the evening gloves are virtually the same. Long white gloves, with occasionally a decoration to carry out the scheme of the gown, are worn. By their gloves you will know the well-dressed women.

The Housewives' Corner

The approach of the Valentine month sets hearts aflutter with sentiment. The following menu appearing in Harper's Bazaar for February is both appropriate and seasonable. This is it: